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A space in the Exchange is part of the record 736,000-square-foot lease by Dropbox in the building on 16th Street. The leases are getting bigger and the demand by tech firms higher — and rents are way up, too.

S.F.’s tech-space market is ‘on fire’

Soaring rents, boom in jobs also add to stresses on city

By J.K. Dineen

In a normal year, the 207,000-square-foot lease that software company Okta recently signed at 100 First St. would be a cause for celebration, an excuse for the city’s economic development staff to issue a press release highlighting all the jobs coming to San Francisco.

But 2017 has not been a normal year, and the recent announcement by property owner Kilroy Realty Trust caused barely a ripple.

“Our market is ... as hot as it’s ever been. The big blocks of space are moving quick.”

Chris Roeder, JLL brokerage

After all, the Okta lease came less than two months after the biggest lease in San Francisco history — Dropbox’s 736,000-square-foot commitment at the Exchange on 16th Street. It was also smaller than Facebook’s 436,000-square-foot deal at 181 Fremont St., announced in September, and Adobe’s 314,000-square-foot lease at 100 Hooper St., which was disclosed in March.

More than five years into San Francisco’s tech run-up — a boom that has made the city a global powerhouse but also exacerbated its housing and homeless crises — the economic locomotive shows no sign of slowing down. So far this year, 17 tenants have signed leases for over 100,000 square feet each — eight more than in 2016 and tied with 2014 for the most ever.

The acceleration in leasing comes as the city de-

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The Exchange on 16th Street, site of Dropbox’s record lease, is in rapidly growing Mission Bay.

GOP set for win on taxes, new fight

Clash over spending bill could shut government

By Carolyn Lochhead

WASHINGTON — Republicans expect their first big legislative victory of the Trump presidency this week with final House and Senate passage of a \$1.5 trillion tax bill, but the threat of a government shutdown still looms Friday with a year-end spending bill tangled in a fight with Democrats over young immigrants, Pentagon spending, and other issues.

The tax bill is expected to clear the House on Tuesday and the Senate later in the day, or Wednesday, on simple-majority votes without any support from Democrats.

But Republicans will need help from Democrats to pass the spending bill in the Senate, where they hold a majority but not enough to reach the required 60 votes needed for approval.

With Democrats holding some leverage, bipartisan talks are under way to bridge disagreements over a variety of issues, including a key Democratic demand to find a way to provide legal status for “Dreamers,” the nearly 800,000 immigrants who came to the country illegally as children.

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Federal judge in harassment probe retires

By Sarah Ravani

Amid an onslaught of sexual misconduct allegations from at least 15 women, Judge Alex Kozinski of the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco abruptly announced his retirement Monday, effective immediately.

Kozinski, 67, appointed to the federal bench in 1985 by President Ronald Reagan, released a statement partly blaming his predicament on his “broad sense of humor and a candid way of speaking to both male and female law clerks alike.”

“In doing so, I may not have been mindful enough of the special challenges and pressures that women face in the workplace,” Kozinski said in the statement. “It grieves me to learn that I caused any of my clerks to feel uncomfortable; that was never my intent.”

Family and friends, he said, asked him to stay on the court “at least long enough to de-

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Twitter suspends accounts in bid to tackle hate speech

By Marissa Lang

After months of promising a crackdown on hate speech and abuse on Twitter, the company on Monday suspended several accounts tied to an ultra-nationalist British group whose inflammatory anti-Muslim videos were retweeted by Pres-

ident Trump last month.

Though the suspensions sparked outrage among far-right groups, Twitter’s move was anything but sudden.

It was the latest in a steady rollout of policies that Twitter hopes will make the social network more approachable for non-users and more palat-

able for women and people of color — two groups that are among Twitter’s most loyal, as well as most vulnerable to the barbs of Internet trolls and abusers.

While some heralded Twitter’s crackdown as a step toward making the platform safer and more welcoming,

others balked at the notion of speech and expression being regulated by a tech firm whose policy enforcement remains largely opaque.

Several online civil rights groups, including the Center for Democracy and Technology and the San Francisco-based Electronic Frontier

Foundation, have questioned the power of tech giants and cautioned those who cheer corporate take-downs of far-right users and Nazi websites that they could be next.

“Any tool that enables censorship online can be used against potentially everyone —

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Weather

Increasing clouds, rain late. Highs: 56-65. Lows: 36-50. **B8**

